[13th November 1922

Order—Mis. No. 766 *L., dated 27th May* 1915.

The Government sanction the proposal of the President to open a sixth form in the board secondary school at Russellkonda with effect from 1st July 1915.

(True extract)

C. S. ANANTARAMA AYYAR,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the President, District Board, Ganjam.
,, Educational Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

III

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Sir, under Standing Order No. 73, I beg to present three petitions to the Council. One is from Moulana Moulavi Haji Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib and others, worshippers of the Wallajahi, Anwari and Mamoor mosques, supporting the Prince of Arcot Endowments Bill. The second is that of the Muhammadan Ulemas and Muftis of the Islamic religion who also give their support to the Bill. The third is from some leading Mussalman Ulemas and Divines of Madras who are of opinion that the income derived from mosques should be spent on mosques alone. With these words, I beg to present them to the Council."

IV

PUBLICATION OF THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that I have decided to make a slight change of procedure which will, I hope, have the effect of expediting the publication of our proceedings. During his recent deputation to study Parliamentary Procedure, the Secretary noticed that the reports of the debates of the House of Commons were regularly handed in to the printer without being shown to the members for revision of their speeches, there being however a note at the back of each day's official report to the effect that, before it was included in the regular debates, five days would be allowed to members for communicating any verbal corrections in the printed report of their speeches. I now propose to adopt this plan with such modifications as may be indispensable in the publication of our own proceedings. The speedy publication of the debates of the House of Commons is in a large measure due to the fact that not only is the reporting staff a capable one, but they have quite a free hand in their task ; it is very seldom that any member wants to revise his speech. One precaution which in the circumstances of our reporting seems necessary will be adopted : that is, the speeches, after being transcribed by the reporters, will be gone through carefully by the Secretary with the assistance of members of the staff so that ordinary reporters' mistakes may be rectified : for the rest, hon. Members will be given five days after the receipt by them of the proof for returning it with their corrections to the Secretary and the reports will then be finally struck off. This system will secure to hon. Members the advantage of having their speeches in print in the first instance within a day or two after they have been delivered, instead of having to wait for a fortnight or so as hitherto to get copies. I trust that all hon. Members will co-operate with the Secretary in making this new departure a success."